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I am a strong supporter of VOIP and believe that the States (Mn, Ca) requesting companies such as Vonage and Packet8 to register as telephony providers is out of their regulatory ability since VOIP does not even use hard switches or any other part of the UNEP. While I can see where States would worry about the loss of revenues for taxation I believe it is high time we did not pussy foot around with new technology and stifle it through regulation (after all, how do you determine the intra state user if he can make a call from anywhere in the world they can get broadband?) and allow the companies and software people time to address E911 issues. I don't know very many grandmas and grandpas that are early adapters of technology and will the prevalence of cell phones people are not going to run to the internet phone to call 911 not to mention that VOIP carriers can assign people numbers with an area code in any state so if one state decides to play bastion it renders other states attempts to say they are a provider in that state MOOT

Not to mention, what about voice and video enabled messenger products are they not also telephony if people can talk to each other by using the User Interface?

One thing for certain, an entire industry is in trouble because of advances in technology but you cannot stop the inevitable changes underfoot if you guys make any rulings for regulation I would grandfather the provision to give everyone time to develop technical solutions

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